

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 24 were canceled. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application involving those claims (claims which applicants are currently appealing). New claims 28 to 30 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in claims 25 to 27, and throughout the Specification, including the Detailed Description. No new matter has been added.

Claims 25 to 30 are now pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of this amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 25 to 27 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and if rewritten in independent form. In accordance with the Examiner's recommendations, claims 25 to 27 have been rewritten above into independent form.

Claims 25 to 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action requested identification of the variables C, x_i , y_i , U_i , x , and y . The claims have been amended to include identification of those variables. Support for these amendments can be found in the Specification, including on pages 8-9 and 12. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 25 to 27 is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 25 to 27 are allowable.

Before rewriting, claims 25 to 27 involved multiple dependencies. Thus, claims 25 to 27 were rewritten to incorporate independent method claim 1. New claims 28 to 30 were written to be (effectively) claims 25 to 27 and independent device claim 17. Both of these combinations were found allowable (if rewritten in independent form, etc.) in the Office Action. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 25 to 30 are allowable for the foregoing reasons.

The Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record should the Examiner wish to discuss this case or perform any Examiner's Amendment(s).

CONCLUSION

In view of all of the above, it is believed that objections or rejections to the claims have been obviated, and that all currently pending claims 25 to 30 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that any objections and/or rejections be reconsidered and

withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

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